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CLERK: 27 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate has now ceased. Senator Schmit, would you care to close.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I offer Senator Korshoj one minute of my time if he cares to use it.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Yes, sir, yes, sir, I would. I just had one more observation that I wanted to add. Dennis Baack had said he would love to see us vote on Initiative 300 by secret ballot. I would like to see us vote on this bill secret ballot, except I'm on Marge Higgins' Building Maintenance Committee and so I would not want it to happen, because if we voted secret ballot, I predict this would go 9 yes votes, 40 no votes. The Speaker would raise the call. We would then have a claiming race. We would have 36 senators bust through there to get to the lobby lords and claim those 9 votes, 36 people trying to get through there. And that would happen, a secret ballot. Thank you, Loran Schmit.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, you have about four minutes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Mr. President, I appreciate that. I appreciate Senator Korshoj's remarks. You know so much of what is said on this floor, we can all agree with. And then again so much of what we say, we must disagree. I don't disagree with much of what Senator Chambers and Senator Korshoj have said. I offered the motion in all seriousness because I know Senator Chambers. Now he is offering you a deal. He says he will trade you one piece of trash for 15. You ought to grab it, you ought to grab it and hug it, and then come back and hope that lightning won't strike and someone will point out how stupid you were, but take it, take it. Senator Chambers will take it off after awhile again. Maybe he will give you the privilege of taking it off without objecting, I don't know, but at least you are down the road. Now Senator Chambers may accommodate you and pull those 15 amendments anyway, but I am a betting man, identified so, and I am just telling you that he may not do it. And if you go through these 15, maybe he isn't going to take all 15 minutes, 10 to open and 5 to close, and another speaking time he can take, but someone on this floor is going to do it. Someone is going to do it. You know, Senator Landis spoke in a little bit of chastisement tone toward me. I will accept that, Senator Landis. You are a very fine senator and a very eloquent statesman. He said, in effect, Senator Schmit is upset because